GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1033
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2000
PRESSURE ON HIJACKERS
RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government succumbed to the pressure of the hijackers who had hijacked Indian Airline plane on December 24, 1999;

(b) If so, the consequences thereof;

(c) The steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to counteract them?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) No, Sir.
(b) Does not arise.
(c) The hijacking incident has highlighted to the international community evidence of Pakistan`s continued sponsorship of terrorism. The international community now better recognizes Pakistan`s state sponsorship of terrorism and the impact this has on the security of India and the region.
Government remain committed to taking all measures necessary to preserve the security and maintain the territorial integrity of India.